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# It takes a village – for brunch or EMS Magazine

I hosted a brunch for 65 people in our small house in April, a post-wedding brunch for a friend's wedding. What does that have to do with EMS? I realized that it takes a village to accomplish just about anything. I was reminded of that again as I worked with people from across the state on stories of EMS saves for this issue. Thanks to those folks, I was able to get in touch with patients who were willing to share their life-altering experiences with EMS crews. I'm grateful for all the help I got. I'm especially grateful to Warren Hassinger, a longtime friend and public information officer for Austin-Travis County EMS. He worked hard at coordinating the schedules of ATCEMS crew and ambulance for our cover shot one bright April morning. And many thanks to Ellen Decareau at Seton Family of Hospitals, who made sure the story about that patient got written and offered her professional photographer to shoot the cover. I've said it before, but this is one of my favorite issues we do each year.

We've listed all the preconference classes at Texas EMS Conference and, as usual, we tried to offer something for everyone. The most unusual class we're going to offer involves a bus that will double as a moving classroom while it takes attendees to a fantastic cadaver lab at Bulverde-Spring Branch EMS. Conference favorite Scotty Bolleter has offered his facilities for the lab, but since it's about 90 minutes away, we decided we could use that time on the bus to get the classroom portion out of the way. Because we're able to use that facility, we're able to offer this class for about half of what it was last year. Other classes are just as exciting and will take place at the Hilton or the convention center. These classes will fill fast, so sign up as early as you can.

See you at the GETAC meetings May 11-13 at the Hilton Airport Austin. Turn to page 10 for a schedule of committees and the Council meeting. At the last meeting, we announced that we'd be opening the entire section of EMS rules, TAC 157, beginning sometime this summer. We've refined the schedule a little bit, and the committees will begin discussing the rules they are interested in at this meeting. Turn to page 7 for a more detailed discussion of the process.

And finally, a salute to those on the front line in EMS and trauma! May is National Trauma Awareness Month and May 15-21 is EMS Week. The theme for EMS week this year is "Everyday Heroes." For information and ideas for EMS Week, turn to page 12.

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